

Deepwater Horizon Incident Gulf of Mexico REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR BULLETS May 20, 2010 0700

The Dispersant Monitoring and Assessment Directive – Addendum 2 was signed last night at 2135 requiring BP to identify for the FOSC and the EPA RRT Co-chair for EPA's and the FOSC's approval, one or more approved dispersant products within 24 hours.

EPA requested an RRT call today to address the Addendum 2 and EPA has asked the RRT to address the following questions regarding surface dispersants:

- 1) Does SMART data show surface dispersant application is effective? Nancy Jones provided some data from Houma yesterday that indicated surface application is not effective.
- 2) The EPA personnel that oversee the Subpart J Product List have indicated there are available dispersants that are as or more effective and less toxic than Corexit and available in sufficient quantities. Is Unified Command planning on switching to a less toxic dispersant if effectiveness can be maintained or increased?

Oil has impacted the wetlands in Pass A Lourtre.

R6 Chalmette water operations began sampling in priority areas today. Crews have been directed to take water samples plus any visible oil or "fresh" tar balls, patties, etc.